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Date of Interview: 10 March 2003.						
Type: a)⊠ Telephonic b)□ Video Conference c)□ Personal [copy given to: 1)□ applicant 2)□ applicant's representative]						
Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No. If Yes, brief description:						
Claim(s) discussed: <u>1,11,15 and 18</u> .						
Identification of prior art discussed: <u>none</u> .						
Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.						
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